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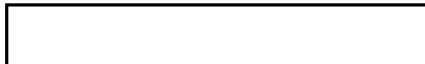
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Japan: [There are growing demands in the ruling Liberal-Democratic party for extensive revision of the administrative agreement which provides for implementation of the US-Japanese security treaty. Prime Minister Kishi's efforts for an early ratification of a new security treaty are thus being undermined.]

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The proposed revisions go far beyond the previously indicated Japanese position. Behind the conservative opposition is an apparent attempt by anti-Kishi elements to prevent him from scoring a political victory.7

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US-Japan Security Treaty Talks Encounter New Difficulties

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[Leaders of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party (LDP) are demanding sweeping revisions of the US-Japanese administrative agreement--the detailed status-of-forces document spelling out the broad principles of the US-Japanese security treaty. While there is general agreement on the revision of the security treaty, the demands for changes in the administrative agreement have forced Kishi to drop plans for submitting both documents to the Diet until he can achieve conservative unity against the strong Socialist opposition which will be encountered.]

[The revised security treaty probably will call for advance consultation on deployment of US forces in Japan and their use in hostilities in areas outside Japan; exclusion of the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands from the area covered by the treaty; and a ten-year time limit on the treaty.]

[The government previously had indicated that the administrative agreement would be changed only by eliminating the requirement for Japan to contribute local currency for the support of US forces and facilities. However, under apparent pressure from anti-Kishi elements in the LDP, Foreign Minister Fujiyama suggested to Ambassador MacArthur on 6 March that either additional changes should be made now for submission to the Diet with the revised treaty or an understanding should be reached for later changes which would not require Diet approval.]

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[The anti-Kishi elements are motivated largely by a desire to keep Kishi from scoring a political victory prior to the upper-house elections in June. They also are concerned that if the revisions proceed as originally envisioned, Fujiyama, as their architect, will be established as a logical future successor to Kishi as prime minister.]

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